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SUBJECT: SOVIET TECHNICIANS REPORTEDLY WILL GO TO LIBYA

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[REDACTED] SOVIET TECHNICIANS WILL ARRIVE IN LIBYA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MOST OF THEM ARE TO TRAIN LIBYANS TO USE SOVIET SUPPLIED MISSILES, BUT SOME ARE SAID TO BE OIL TECHNICIANS.

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[REDACTED] AT LEAST SOME OF THE RUSSIANS WILL BE ROTATED EVERY THREE MONTHS, TO MINIMIZE SOVIET OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IN LIBYA. THE LIBYANS HAVE TOLD MOSCOW THE TECHNICIANS WILL BE UNDER SURVEILLANCE, AND TRIPOLI HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL POLICE UNIT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM.

A SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET-LIBYAN ARMS DEAL WAS SIGNED LAST SPRING

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INVOLVING AIR DEFENSE MISSILES, TANKS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

PERHAPS 100 SOVIET TECHNICIANS AND INSTRUCTORS HAVE ARRIVED IN LIBYA RECENTLY. THE SCOPE OF THE LIBYAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY ADVISORY MISSION MAY HAVE PROMPTED TRIPOLI TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL SOVIET PERSONNEL, BUT THE FIGURE OF 3,000 SEEMS TOO HIGH.

BY WAY OF COMPARISON, THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 2200 SOVIET MILITARY TECHNICIANS AND ADVISORS IN SYRIA, AND 800 IN IRAQ. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE GREATER TRAINING NEEDS AND A CLOSER POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW THAN DOES LIBYA.

A LARGER SOVIET PRESENCE WILL NOT GIVE MOSCOW THE SAME PERVASIVE ⁰ROLE THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAD. THE LIBYANS REMAIN SUSPICIOUS OF SOVIET INTENTIONS AND WILL KEEP SOVIET ADVISERS UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY. E-2 IMPDET.H

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